

RELEASED IN FULL

CONFIDENTIAL

PTQ8441

PAGE 01 KIGALI 02125 01 OF 02 071602Z
ACTION AF-01

INFO	LOG-00	AID-00	CA-02	CIAE-00	OASY-00	DODE-00	SRPP-00
	DS-00	EB-01	EUR-01	FBIE-00	FDRE-01	H-01	IMMC-01
	TEDE-00	INR-00	IO-08	L-01	ADS-00	MFLO-03	M-00
	NSAE-00	NSCE-00	OCS-06	OIC-02	OMB-01	PA-01	PM-00
	PRS-01	P-01	SCT-00	SP-00	SSO-00	SS-00	STR-01
	TRSE-00	T-00	USIE-00	FMP-00	PMB-00	DSCC-00	PRME-01
	DRL-09	G-00	/043W				

-----D75339 071855Z /38

R 071557Z JUL 95
FM AMEMBASSY KIGALI
TO RWANDA COLLECTIVE
SECSTATE WASHDC 0948

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 01 OF 02 KIGALI 002125

E.O. 12356: 20 YEARS
TAGS: PGOV, PREL, PINS, PHUM, RW
SUBJECT: JULY FOURTH, LIBERATION DAY IN RWANDA:
- Q8,56 9;34 2#-5
- LIES AHEAD.

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. RWANDA CLOSED DOWN OVER THE WEEKEND JULY 1 - 4. BOTH
MONDAY THE 3RD AND TUESDAY THE 4TH WERE DECLARED NATIONAL
HOLIDAYS TO CELEBRATE THE RPA'S LIBERATION OF KIGALI; WE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 KIGALI 02125 01 OF 02 071602Z

UNCLASSIFIED

ARE NOW TOLD THAT THE FOURTH WILL BE THE PERMANENT DATE OF LIBERATION DAY. A JULY 1 FUND RAISER FOR THE ARMY, SCHEDULED FOR TWO HOURS IN THE EVENING, WENT LATE INTO THE NIGHT WITH DANCING, SINGING, AND GIFTS OF MONEY ABOVE THE RF 10,000 (USD 35) ADMISSION TICKET. OCTOBER 1 WILL LIKELY BECOME ARMY DAY, FORMERLY CELEBRATED OCTOBER 26.

3. DATT HAS REPORTED SEPARATELY THE POMP AND CEREMONY OF THE MILITARY PARADE JULY FOURTH, WITH THRONGING CROWDS BLOCKING KIGALI'S MAIN THOROUGHFARES TO CHEER THE TROOPS. WE SPOKE TO A GROUP OF RPA COLONELS JULY 5, AND THEY TOLD US THAT THE PARADE AND CEREMONY WERE AS MUCH MORALE-BUILDERS FOR THE TROOPS AS A DISPLAY FOR THE CITIZENS. THE TROOPS, THEY TOLD US, HAVE HEARD OF TRAINING, UNIFORMS, WEAPONS FOR THE EX-FAR ACROSS THE BORDER, AND PUTTING THE RPA THROUGH THEIR PACES BEFORE CHEERING CROWDS WAS A TONIC TO REASSURE THE RANKS THAT THEIR VICTORY WAS NOT FORGOTTEN.

4. PRESIDENT BIZIMUNGU'S ADDRESS ON LIBERATION DAY REMARKED ON THE CLOSE COINCIDENCE OF ITS DATE WITH RWANDAN INDEPENDENCE DAY, JULY 1. HE DREW A DISTINCTION BETWEEN INDEPENDENCE AND LIBERATION FROM THE REGIME WHICH GREW OUT OF INDEPENDENCE, WHICH, HE SAID, MAINTAINED POWER BY SPREADING DIVISIVENESS. BIZIMUNGU ALSO NOTED THE PARALLELS WITH THE LIBERATION OF EUROPE AND THE SACRIFICES WHICH WORLD POWERS MADE IN THAT WAR FIFTY YEARS AGO TO STOP GENOCIDE AND MILITARISTIC DICTATORSHIP. HE STRESSED THE SACRIFICES MADE BY THE RPA IN SAVING INNOCENT LIVES DURING THE GENOCIDE; THIS DAY WAS A TO REMEMBER THAT KILLING MUST STOP, THAT RWANDANS HAD

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 KIGALI 02125 01 OF 02 071602Z
EMBARKED ON A NEW ERA OF PEACE AND COULD COME BACK FROM WHEREVER THEY WERE TO BUILD THEIR COUNTRY TOGETHER. JULY FOURTH WAS HENCEFORTH A DATE IN WHICH LOVE OF COUNTRY AND LOVE FOR EACH OTHER SHOULD BE THE HALLMARK FOR ALL RWANDANS, A CELEBRATION OF LIFE WHICH DEFEATS DEATH. THE SPEECH WAS ONE OF THE MOST CONCILIATORY AND LEAST THREATENING HE HAS DELIVERED.

5. IN RADIO REMARKS, VICE PRESIDENT KAGAME TOUCHED ON THE

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

SAME THEMES, NOTING THAT THOUGH THE ARMY HAD BROUGHT THE OLD REGIME TO AN END, IT WAS NOW UP TO THE RWANDAM PEOPLE TO WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD A BETTER FUTURE.

6. OUR CONVERSATIONS OVER THE WEEKEND WERE MARKED BY QUIET PRIDE AND SOME UNCERTAINTY OVER THE FUTURE FROM OUR RWANDAN INTERLOCUTORS. IN CONVERSATION WITH THE DCM, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND HEAD OF THE RPF, COL. KANYARENGWE, SAID THAT HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE DETERIORATING POLITICAL SITUATION IN ZAIRE. THERE APPEARED TO BE NO FUNCTIONING GOVERNMENT, KANYARENGWE SAIQ WOULD CHANGE SOON.

7. EMMANUEL GASANA, CHEF DU CABINET AT THE PRESIDENCY (AND NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER EQUIVALENT) THANKED US PROFUSELY FOR OUR HELP IN ARRANGING HIS RECENT TRIP TO THE UN AND WASHINGTON AND EXPRESSED SPECIAL THANKS TO AF A/S GEORGE MOOSE FOR A "USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE MEETING." GASANA TOOK ON BOARD OUR MESSAGE THAT WE ARE WATCHING THE BORDER WITH ZAIRE CLOSELY, THAT WE WANT TO HELP AVOID CONFLICT, AND THAT WE WELCOME HIS GOVERNMENT'S IDEAS ON HOW BEST TO DO THAT.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 KIGALI 02125 01 OF 02 071602Z

8. THE SUPREME COURT ISSUE REMAINS BLOCKED, WITH PARLIAMENT HAVING REJECTED THE GOVERNMENT'S LIST OF NOMINEES. IN A LONG CONVERSATION, THE DEPUTY SPEAKER, LAURENT NKONGOLI SAID THAT THE ISSUE WAS "THE NEW RWANDA VERSUS THE OLD." THE PARLIAMENT DID NOT THINK THE SUPREME COURT SHOULD BE DOMINATED BY JUDGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE OLD REGIME. (AS A MATTER OF FACT THE GOVERNMENT ONLY NOMINATED TWO JUDGES FROM THE OLD REGIME, THE REST COMING FROM THE EXILE GROUP; REJECTION OF THE LIST SIGNALS THE TUTSI MAJORITY IN PARLIAMENTS DETERMINATION TO CREATE AN ENTIRELY NEW JUDICIAL SYSTEM). NKONGOLI PREDICTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD SHORTLY SUBMIT A NEW MORE ACCEPTABLE LIST.

9. COMMENT: ANNIVERSARIES ARE USEFUL MOMENTS FOR REFLECTION ON THE YEAR THAT HAS PASSED, AND THE

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF KIGALI PASSED WITHOUT A
 SERIOUS SECURITY INCIDENT. WE CANNOT SAY THAT THE
 GOVERNMENT IS GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS, BECAUSE MUCH
 REMAINS TO BE DONE, BUT THE CELEBRATION OF THE FOURTH
 SEEMED BOTH A EULOGY TO VICTORY AND ASSERTION OF THE
 GOVERNMENT DETERMINATION TO CARRY OUT ITS PROGRAM. THE
 INTEGRATION OF RANKS WHICH FILED BY IN THE STADIUM AND
 THE RENEWAL OF REFUGEE REPATRIATION, THE FIRST FAIRLY

CONFIDENTIAL

NNNNPTQ8444

CONFIDENTIAL PTQ8444

PAGE 01 KIGALI 02125 02 OF 02 071602Z
 ACTION AF-01

INFO	LOG-00	AID-00	CA-02	CIAE-00	OASY-00	DODE-00	SRPP-00
	DS-00	EB-01	EUR-01	FBIE-00	FDRE-01	H-01	IMMC-01
	TEDE-00	INR-00	IO-08	L-01	ADS-00	MFLO-03	M-00
	NSAE-00	NSCE-00	OCS-06	OIC-02	OMB-01	PA-01	PM-00
	PRS-01	P-01	SCT-00	SP-00	SSO-00	SS-00	STR-01
	TRSE-00	T-00	USIE-00	FMP-00	PMB-00	DSCC-00	PRME-01
	DRL-09	G-00	/043W				

-----D75348 071855Z /38

R 071557Z JUL 95
 FM AMEMBASSY KIGALI
 TO RWANDA COLLECTIVE
 SECSTATE WASHDC 0949

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 02 OF 02 KIGALI 002125

E.O. 12356: DECL: 20 YEARS

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

TAGS: PGOV, PREL, PINS, PHUM, RW

SUBJECT: JULY FOURTH, LIBERATION DAY IN RWANDA:

- PRIDE IN THE RPA, UNCERTAINTY OVER WHAT
- LIES AHEAD.

LARGE GROUP SINCE KIBEHO, SUGGEST THAT THE REGIME IS

GAINING SOMEWHAT IN ACCEPTANCE BY ITS PEOPLE. IT IS
OBVIOUSLY TOO SOON TO PREDICT THAT THIS WILL BE A TREND.
GOVERNMENT PRONOUNCEMENTS AT THE ROUND TABLE MID-TERM
REVIEW AND HOW THE NEW RETURNEES ARE TREATED WILL
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 KIGALI 02125 02 OF 02 071602Z
DETERMINE WHETHER THE EXPATRIATION TRICKLE BECOMES A
STEADY STREAM. THE MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT WITH WHOM WE
SPEAK ARE CAUTIOUS ABOUT WHAT THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WILL
BRING. MANY OF THE CAUTIOUS PEOPLE WE TALK TO CITE RPF
GRASPING FOR POWER TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR CONTROL OF
GOVERNMENT OR INCURSIONS BY THE EX-FAR TO BE THE
THREATENING CLOUDS HANGING OVER RWANDA'S FUTURE. RAWSON

UNCLASSIFIED